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1. APRIL 8 EDITION OF DER SPIEGEL MAGAZINE BEGAN MULTIPART SERIALIZATION OF BIRD'S BOOK ON HESS. BOTH SPIEGEL
AND BERLIN TABLOID BILD, WHICH SAME DAY FEATURED FIRST
OF SEVERAL-PART INTERVIEW WITH AUTHOR, EMPHASIZED THAT BIRD
WAS PUBLISHING WITHOUT ANY USG BLESSING. BIRD QUOTED
AS TELLING BILD HE ACTED ALONE AND TOOK FULL RESPONSIBILITY. AUTHOR CLAIMED THAT MOST NEWSWORTHY PART OF BOOK
WAS THAT IT WOULD SHOW HESS WAS MENTALLY HEALTHY. SPIEGEL
SAID BOOK WAS MOST INTERESTING OF WAVE OF PUBLICATIONS
EXPECTED AS HESS REACHED 80TH BIRTHDAY SINCE IT WAS
THE ONLY ONE PURPORTING TO BE BASED ON HESS' OWN
RECOLLECTIONS.

2. MISSION WILL USE PREVIOUSLY AGREED PRESS LINE IF ASKED TO COMMENT ON BIRD BOOK (REFTELS).KLEIN

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